



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

April 3, 2008

**H.R. 4115**

**A bill to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims  
of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on April 2, 2008*

H.R. 4115 would ratify an agreement between the state of Michigan and the Sault St. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians regarding the tribe's claim to land in northern Michigan, known as Charlotte Beach. CBO estimates that implementing this bill would have no significant effect on the federal budget.

H.R. 4115 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

The agreement that would be ratified by the bill stipulates that the tribe relinquish all claims to Charlotte Beach and that Michigan give the tribe two alternative parcels of land near Detroit, Michigan. The legislation would require the Secretary of the Interior to take the land into trust for the tribe and proclaim that land to be part of the tribe's reservation, provided that certain conditions are met. According to information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the tribe, the lands would primarily be used for gaming purposes.

On March 6, 2008, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 4115 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on February 13, 2008. The two versions of the legislation are the same, and our cost estimates are identical.

The staff contact for this estimate is Leigh Angres. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.